

Town of North Topsail Beach

Joann M. McDermon, Mayor
Mike Benson, Mayor Pro Tem

Aldermen:
Richard Grant
Tom Leonard
Susan Meyer



David J. Gilbride
Town Manager

Sherrie L. Hancock
Town Clerk

Nature's Tranquil Beauty

Board of Aldermen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 6, 2021, 6:30 P.M.
North End Fire Department
2049 New River Inlet Road, North Topsail Beach, N.C. 28460

Present: Mayor Joann McDermon, Mayor Pro Tem Mike Benson, Alderman Richard Grant, Alderman Tom Leonard, Alderman Susan Meyer, Chief Younginer/Town Manager, Town Attorney Brian Edes, Town Clerk Sherrie Hancock.

- I. Meeting was called to order at 6:33 Mayor McDermon
- II. Invocation Alderman Meyer
- III. Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor McDermon.
- IV. Approval of Agenda motion was made by Alderman Meyer to approve. Seconded by Alderman Grant, vote passed 4-0
- V. Closed Session
 - A. § 143-318.11. (a) (5) (i) Land acquisitions
 - B. § 143-318.11. (a) (6) Personnel
Motion was made to go into closed session by Alderman Leonard, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Benson, Vote passed 4-0. Motion was made to come back into open Session by Mayor Pro Tem Benson, seconded by Alderman Grant, vote passed 4-0. Alderman Leonard made to reluctantly accept Town Manager Gilbride's resignation due to health reasons. Mayor Pro Tem Benson seconded that motion, Vote passed 4-0.
- VI. Manager's Report was given by Town Clerk as given in the May 6, 2021, packet.
- VII. Open Forum (3 Minute Max Time Limit) No one signed up.
- VIII. Presentations and Public Hearings
 - A. Resolution of Appreciation was given to Town Manager David Gilbride by Mayor McDermon.
 - B. Coastal Engineer Update Mr. Fran Way ATM Consulting

Beach Updates:

- Dune Truck Haul Occurring February, March, and April Extension 3 week into May.

- USACE New River Inlet/AIWW Dredging: Completed.
- Hurricane Florence Category G: Permit Application under development. New State (DCM). Rules in May.
- Incorporate Dorian losses into Florence permit bidding.
- New River Inlet Management EIS: “Terminal Groin” meeting on March 25, 2021. Comments received and USACE had meeting with Dail Cordy on April 16, 2021
- CAMA/ DCM updates to sediment criteria related to shells and rocks. Grant Received.

IX. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Alderman Leonard to approve the consent agenda, it was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Benson, vote passed 4-0. Mayor McDermon asked the board to consider moving the Board appointment to the next regular meeting. Also, Alderman Grant wanted Caitlin to explain the revenues report when she presented it to the board just to clarify. Motion was made by Alderman Grant, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Benson, Vote passed 4-0.

A. Approval of April 1, 2021 Minutes

B. Department Head Reports

1. Finance Dept.
2. Fire Dept.
3. Inspections Dept.
4. Police Dept.
5. Planning Dept.

C. Committee Reports

1. Planning Board/Appointments
2. Board of Adjustment/Appointments
3. TISPC (link to Minutes)
4. ONWASA (link to Minutes)

X. Old Business Municipal Service District updated by Attorney Edes – Stated everything is in place and ready for May 15, 2021 special meeting.

XI. New Business

A. Budget Meeting with Onslow County Mayor McDermon/Alderman Grant

Started talking the meeting with Onslow co. by talking about how to rebuild the dunes at beach access 4 and which project it falls in and who’s project it falls in. as it turns out it does not fall in either. Caitlin our Finance Officer has spent time with FEMA and the county trying to figure out what to do. We have been trying to work with the county. We have agreed to meet with them quarterly. This was a very positive meeting. The Onslow Co. Manager was very supportive of rebuilding the dunes and beach renourishment.

B. Engineering Services

Alderman Grant

Alderman Grant stated while attending a Conference recently he found out that there is a lot of resources and grants available. He wanted to make the Mayor and Board aware for future projects. Wanted the Mayor and Board to think about pursuing this option.

C. Revetment Update

Mayor Pro Tem Benson

Mayor Pro Tem Benson shared with the board that about 4-5 week ago the Engineer for the Revetment Engineers project (Arndell Engineers) contacted Mr. Gilbride and wanted to know if we wanted to move forward with the sandbag restoration project that has been planned for 2 years. At the time when they called Mayor Pro Tem Benson and Mr. Gilbride they wanted hold off until they saw what was going to happen with the beach dredging project. After the dredging project they were going to invite Mr. Foreman to come back and re-evaluate. There is a revetment Committee that The Town Attorney recommended we send the proposal to look over. At this time the proposed plan would do more harm than good. A new plan is being created now. So recommendation is to just hold off until we get the new plan.

D. Offer to Purchase

Planning Director

1. L3 S2 B7 Old Settlers Beach by Timothy Eastman for 10,000.

Motion was made by Alderman Leonard to accept this offer, seconded by Alderman Meyer, vote passed 4-0. Town clerk was then directed to place an ad in the paper for 10 days to make sure no other offers came in. Deposit required of 5% at time of sale.

2. L2&L2A Sea Ranches by Craig Greif for 3,000.

After the board reviewing all information presented a motion was made by Alderman Leonard to reject this offer, seconded by Alderman Grant, vote passed 4-0

E. Scoping Report

Mayor Pro Tem Benson

Mayor Pro Tem Benson needed to get the most updated information so, he agreed he would get that to them right away. It was unanimously agreed that this issue would be discussed at the meeting on 5-15-2021.

- XII.** Attorney Edes reported The letter to Senator Lazzara office in reference to board election has been finalized and filed.

XIII. Mayor's Report

Mayor McDermon said that she wanted to thank the town staff and the board for all their hard work. mention that she attended a meeting in Jacksonville with the Board of Realtors. They are doing some major rezoning in reference to updates and post cards. Mayor McDermon was there to represent North Topsail Beach.

XIV. Aldermen's Report

Alderman Grant_Updated that there was a call with the corp. of engineers that included Mr. Gilbride, Mr. Cater was not there. However, the Corp of engineers was going to supply Mr. Carter with the minutes from that meeting. A lot of enlightenment from this meeting. Looking forward to getting the minutes to review since there was a lot of

information shared and get Mr. Carters feedback. Last Alderman Grant wanted to thank Mr. Gilbride for all that he has done for the town and it was a pleasure working with him.

Alderman Leonard- Mentioned that he had talked with Ray Calest, in reference to the CBRA update waiting for update. Alderman Leonard wanted to remind everyone about the celebration of life for Richard C. Peters on Sunday May 16,2021 at 2:00pm.

Alderman Leonard expressed that he was very close with Mr. Gilbride and he was a very close friend. Alderman Leonard expressed his gratitude to Mr. Gilbride for everything he has done for the Town of North Topsail Beach. Alderman Leonard also said it was pleasure working with him.

Mayor Pro Tem Benson-Mr. Gilbride was a pleasure to work with. He was an excellent manager. Mayor Pro Tem Benson also stated that there is a conference call with Becker Morgan also included in this meeting are Chief Younginer and Chief Soward. He is happy with the progress that is being made. The CRC meeting is postponed until June. Alderman Meyer- Alderman Meyer spoke about the sandbags being granted for a 5year extension. Alderman Meyer also thanked Mr. Gilbride and said she enjoyed working with him. She thanked the town staff for all their hard work.

- XV.** Closed Session: § 143-318.11. (a) (6) Personnel- No action was taken in closed session. Motion was made by Alderman Leonard to go into closed session, seconded by Alderman Grant, vote passed 4-0. motion was made to reopen the meeting by Alderman Grant, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Benson, vote passed 4-0.

After opening the meeting back up Alderman Grant made a motion to make Chief Younginer the point of contact for all departments until an Interim manager or Town Manager could be found. Mayor Pro Tem Benson seconded that motion. Roll was called as follows, Alderman Grant-yes, Alderman Leonard-no, Mayor Pro Tem Benson-yes, Alderman Meyer-no, and Mayor McDermon breaking the tie with a yes. Motion was made by Alderman Grant to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Meyer, vote passed 4-0.

- XVI.** Adjournment at 9:29 pm

*****Next BOA regular meeting will be June 3, 2021 at N. end Fire Dept.*****

